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Sir:

Submitted herewith on a modified Form SB08 is a listing of document(s) known to Applicant in order to comply with Applicant's duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. A copy of the listed document(s) is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98.

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This Information Disclosure Statement accompanies a request for continued examination (RCE). No fee is due.

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**RELEVANCE OF REFERENCES**

References A1-A4 were identified in an International Search Report in a corresponding PCT application and were not already of record in this application.

Reference A5 discloses the creation of metadata for a video program from closed caption data (see paragraphs 141-151). Reference A5 claims priority from each of references A6-A9. Inspection of references A6-A9 shows that the subject matter of paragraphs 141-151 first appeared in reference A8, which was filed on 3 December 2001, significantly after the 16 November 2000 and 26 February 2001 priority dates of the present application. Therefore the subject matter of paragraphs 141-151 of reference A5 is not prior art to the present application.

Reference B2 is current information concerning an example of a production system for producing a television program as discussed in the application.

Reference B3 is a requirements document for a proposed television program metadata standard.

Applicants respectfully requests that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form SB08 be returned in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609.

Respectfully submitted,

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